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1. According to source, Dr. Ciro Trigo resigned as Bolivian Minister of Government\* because he found it impossible to control the actions of the Director General of the Bolivian National Police, Col. Isaac Vincenti\*\*, who was supposed to be his subordinate. Although the National Police is actually set up under the control of the Ministry of Government, Vincenti was the strong man in the Ministry and would not take orders from Trigo. Trigo had ordered Vincenti to discharge one of the trusted men in the National Police, and Vincenti flatly refused to carry out the order.
2. Trigo was given the position of Minister of Government on 29 June 1950 to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of the former Minister, and was expected by the President to be only a figurehead who would hold the position until Vincenti took over on 1 October.

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[ ] Comment. Dr. Trigo submitted his resignation to the President on 4 August and asked that the resignation be accepted immediately. The President refused to accept the resignation until after the inaugural joint session of the Bolivian Congress on 6 August. On 10 August the resignation was accepted and on 11 August Dr. Ponce was named Minister of Government.

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\* [ ] Comment. According to press reports, Vincenti presented his resignation on 27 August to President Urrutia after Dr. Ponce had freed a large group of political prisoners Vincenti had arrested.

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